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CONTAINER FOR RELEASING  
A PLUG INTO A WELLBORE

**Group Art Unit: 3672**

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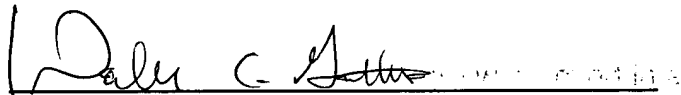
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